IDACS News Quarterly

JTAC   Protection Order Registry Update

In 2005, more than 83 Hoosiers died as the result of domestic violence and more than 9,000 adults and children went to an emergency shelter because it was not safe to stay at home. Protection Orders are a significant tool to help protect victims of violence and their families, but court orders are ineffective unless the information reaches local and state law enforcement officers who need to enforce them.

The Indiana Protection Order Registry will link all Indiana courts issuing Protection or No-Contact Orders with the State Police's Indiana Data and Communication System (IDACS) and the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Because all orders will be entered and available immediately it will:

Accelerate information-sharing by providing complete records in a timely fashion.
Ensure data accuracy and consistency.
Enhance state and national databanks.
Increase protection across state lines as well as within Indiana.
Reduce administrative work by local officers who currently re-type Order's into IDACS.

Addressing domestic violence is a complex issue, but this Protection Order Registry will significantly assist those at-risk. Furthermore, the partnership between the Executive and Judicial branches of Indiana government demonstrates that state leaders are committed to protecting victims.

HOW IT WORKS

When orders are issued, two things will happen immediately:

1. The Order will be electronically entered into the system and shared with IDACS and NCIC within minutes, and
2. A copy of the Order will be faxed or emailed to local law enforcement agencies where the parties live and work.

This will ensure that all appropriate law enforcement agencies are immediately notified when a Protection or No-Contact Order is issued, modified or revoked.
JTAC is installing the data center infrastructure and constructing the interface between the POR and IDACS. Deployment in two pilot counties began in January 2007. JTAC is working to identify additional funds to deploy the system in all 92 counties by October 2007.

For further information visit the website at www.IN.gov/judiciary/jtac.

# All Stations Administrative Messages

A recent question came from a local agency regarding the rules surrounding sending an all stations Administrative Message (AM). "Message Switching Rules" in the IDACS Policy Manual states in part:

A. On April 8,1985, the IDACS Committee approved the following rules concerning the distribution of ALL STATIONS MESSAGES:

1. All requests for all stations messages should be sent to the Data Operations Center INISP0000 for review and distribution.
2. If after a review of the message switching rules listed in this section reveals that it qualifies, it will be sent to all stations by the Data Operations Center.
3. If the message does not meet the criteria and is not in compliance with the rules for an all stations message, a message will be sent to the requesting agency advising them that a possible rules violation exists in their request and the reason for the possible violation. The message may also include suggested area distribution codes to use.
4. The requesting agency must then reply to disregard any further, or that they acknowledge possible rules violations and to still send the message.
5. Copes of all messages sent to all stations which contain possible rules violations will be forwarded to the IDACS Section for review. The IDACS Sanction Policies may at this point be imposed.
6. If after a review of the message, there is no rule violation, the agencies involved will be informed.

A.   The following types of messages DO NOT qualify for all stations in Indiana:

1. No missing persons / runaways except when foul play is suspected.
2. No reply only if records (ROIRS).
3. No reply only if wanted (ROIWS).
4. * No social announcements (i.e., holiday messages, convention notices, club or fraternal functions, retirements, etc.). (Qualify for Bulletin Board Entry)
5. * No recruitment of personnel.   (Qualify for Bulletin Board Entry)
6. No death or funeral notices, except for an active police officer.
7. No attempt to locates / dispatches when the route of travel is *known*.
8. No dispatches where it is believed the suspect (s) will stay within the general area.
9. No messages regarding stolen property that can be entered into IDACS / NCIC files.
10. No stolen vehicle dispatches, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Such circumstances must be listed in the text of the message.
11. No IDACS terminal outages.
12. No dispatches on persons which you are not willing to go anywhere in the State to pick up.
13. No road closing / opening notices.
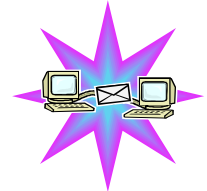
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: My agency is currently hiring new police officers and dispatchers, can we send a statewide message to all agencies advising them of our hiring process?
A: NO. Messages regarding recruitment of personnel are strictly prohibited from being sent via administrative messages. This type of message should be posted on the Bulletin Board File under the category "Job Postings".

Q: My agency is sponsoring a training course, can we send a statewide message to all agencies advising them of our upcoming training opportunity?
A. NO. Messages regarding training courses should be posted on the Bulletin Board File under the category "Training".

Why Should I attend Area IDACS Meetings?

At least once in each half of the calendar year, the five Area IDACS Representatives will hold an IDACS Area Meeting. These meetings are scheduled, announced, and chaired by the Area Representative. The meetings are usually attended by an IDACS Trainer, an IDACS Security Officer, and the IDACS Committee Chairman. They are announced by e mail, IDACS Bulletin Board entries, and sometimes by phone. Invited to attend are all IDACS Coordinators and management personnel at IDACS Agencies.

The IDACS Area meetings are an exchange of information from IDACS Committee Meetings, from IDACS Newsletters, and any and all IDACS information the IDACS Area Representative adds to the agenda to discuss. If your agency would like to see a change in IDACS Policy, Training Materials, Tests, Procedures, or available information, it can be discussed at the Area Meeting and then taken before the IDACS Committee at an upcoming Quarterly IDACS Committee Meeting in Indianapolis. If your agency, officers, dispatchers, or management needs clarification or reasoning behind Committee decisions, "you" could either have it added to the agenda ahead of time, or bring it up during the "new" business section of the meeting.

New and upgraded IDACS/NCIC/NLETS files and capabilities are announced and discussed at Area Meetings. User ID's, on line testing, availability of training, who can be a trainer, how your agency can be approved for in car computers and IDACS linkage have been discussed at past meetings. Before and after the meeting, coordinators often talk to each other and learn more efficient Validation procedures, how to hire experienced dispatchers, how to get assistance from the Prosecutor or Judge when issuing and or validating warrants.

Coordinators and managers meet each other and find contacts to available to assist them later when puzzling questions arise. The IDACS Trainers and Security Officers can answer questions of the entire group, or one to one before and after the meeting. Issues can be discussed, and then made into proposals for the IDACS Committee Chairman, or Area Representative to bring before the entire panel at a later date.

Why should "you" attend an IDACS Area Meeting? It is just one more tool to use to become a better, more efficient user of IDACS/NCIC/NLETS information. The more efficient "you" become, the better your agency becomes, and the better tool the SYSTEM is for all.

Contact your Area Representative to ensure they have the correct and best contact information for "you" and your agency. The Representative can then ensure you and your agency are properly notified of meeting dates, times, and locations.

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BMV Status Validation Codes

Due to the recent upgrade the Bureau of Motor Vehicles has made in implementing the STARS system there have been some changes made to the Status Validation codes which include the following:

V- VALID   H- HABITUAL TRAFFIC VIOLATOR   P- SUSPENDED PRIOR
Z- FRADULENT   L- HABITUAL TRAFFIC VIOLATOR-LIFE   U- UNLICENSED
X- CANCELLED   M- SUSPENDED-MISDEMEANOR   C- CONDITIONAL
I- INVALID   F- SUSPENDED –INFRACTION

If resulting status is suspended or invalidated, and driver holds a CDL license, then CDL status is disqualified.

Probationary license types include:
DUI-   DUI probationary license   BMV- Bureau-issued hardship license
HTV-   HTV probationary license   Interlock- Interlock device license
HTV life- HTV life probationary license   Child support- Child support hardship license
Court-   Court issued hardship license

The following status codes will also apply to probationary licenses:

Pending, Effective, Deleted, Expired and Okay to issue.

IDACS Welcomes Travis Hueston

The IDACS Section and Criminal Justice Data Division would like to welcome Travis Hueston to our staff. Travis has worked for the Indiana State Police since August 2003 as a Dispatcher at the Fort Wayne Post. He holds an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Vincennes University and is currently working on his Bachelor's Degree through Indiana State University. He is also a Reserve Officer for the Sweetser Police Department. Travis will be the IDACS Trainer for Area II.

Copy and Paste

It has recently been brought to the attention of IDACS that some agencies are utilizing "cut and paste" procedures when requesting BMV information .

This is a reminder that according to the public record law email, by nature is open to such disclosure and should not be used in these transactions. No BMV information should be copied and pasted. This also applies to information received from IDACS/NCIC/NLETS.

Failure to comply will result in sanctioning of your agency.

DISTRIBUTING THE IDACS NEWSLETTER IS A "COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITY"

One question routinely asked at an IDACS Operators class is, "How many students have read the last issue of the IDACS Quarterly Newsletter"? In response, one or two students may raise their hands in acknowledgement. The second part of the question then becomes, "How many students have **ever** read an issue of the IDACS Quarterly Newsletter"? The acknowledgement usually comes from the same one or two students.

What about the students who have **never** read an IDACS Quarterly Newsletter? Why not? The most frequent response is, "I don't know what it is or where to find it. And bedsides, what's the big deal about reading it anyway"?   The big deal about reading the newsletter is self-education for you, the user.

Now let's discuss what the newsletter is, where to find it and who is responsible for distributing this information.

The IDACS Newsletter is published four times a year near the beginning of each quarter. You can expect to read various informative articles regarding IDACS/NCIC and NLETS. These articles may include technical updates, trouble-shooting, tips and tricks and other newsworthy items. Remember, a duty and a responsibility of an IDACS user is to **keep informed** on system rules, regulations and procedures. Reading the IDACS Newsletter will assist you in furthering your knowledge of the system.

The IDACS Newsletter is posted on the IDACS website and in the OMNIXX System on the toolbar. Click on the IDACS icon and choose newsletter from the drop down menu. You can view the current newsletters as well as prior issues.

According to 240 IAC 5-2-8 the agency coordinator is responsible for disseminating the contents of the IDACS/NCIC newsletters to all terminal operators and non-terminal agencies serviced. Additionally this includes law enforcement officers, agency administrators, and anyone who has authorized system access.

You as the hands on user can directly access this information from your workstation. What about users without direct access? How can those users be kept informed? Your agency coordinator should consider printing and forwarding copies of the newsletter to all non-terminal agencies. In addition, the coordinator should consider posting a copy of the newsletter on bulletin boards within the terminal agency for all law enforcement officers to view. Providing a copy to the Chief, Sheriff or other administrators is also an important issue. Several agency coordinators copy the newsletter attached to a router sheet for distribution among all agency users. This action provides documentation to the coordinator in the event a procedural issue should arise at a later date.

The intent of the IDACS Quarterly Newsletter is to keep users informed. Please take time to review the publication.

Continuing Dispatch Education

The Indiana State Police Communications Division will be hosting continuing dispatch education (CDE) training sessions throughout the 2007 calendar year.

The CDE training sessions are open to any agency who wishes to attend—free of charge. These training sessions will held in the Communications building at 8500 East 21st.. Indianapolis, IN. The Communications building (old post) is located near the INDOT/District #52 post.. If you or your dispatcher's will be attend please send an email to Kelly Dignin, Training and Education Coordinator, (kdignin@isp.IN. gov) indicating the dispatchers name, agency and years of experience.

2007 Training Calendar

Date	Topic
April 30, 2007	Verbal Judo
June 25, 2007	Weapons of Mass Destruction
July 30	Handling Domestic Violence Calls and Crimes in Progress
August 27	Call Prioritization and Children Callers
September 24	Legal/Liability Issues for Dispatcher / How to Testify in Court
October 29	Handling a Hostage Caller and Suicidal Callers

Classes will be held from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Attendees will receive six (6) hours training credit.

EBS (Enhanced DOB Search) Field

The EBS (Enhanced DOB Search) field can be used to broaden a search on a date of birth. This field is located on the QW (Query Wanted) screen in the Persons File.

Placing the numeric "1" in this field will compare the DOB with the same month and date plus or minus one year. For example, if the inquiry made has a DOB of 09091967 the search will include 09091966, 09091967 and 09091968. The only exception will be MMDD of 0229 (Leap Year). If the DOB is 02291968, then only records with 02291968 will be search.

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Friday, June 01, 2007, law enforcement officers and for the first time dispatchers from around the Hoosier state carry the "Flame of Hope" across Indiana. Their destination is the campus of Indiana State University in Terre Haute, where their journey culminates in the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games.

This torch relay involves hundreds of officers and dispatchers from multiple law enforcement agencies in Indiana. To mark the opening of the festivities related to the Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games, the Final Leg Kick-Off commences in Indianapolis and officers/dispatchers run 20 segments ("legs") relay-style, with runners carrying the torch on a 70-mile journey to Terre Haute.

Any dispatcher interested in becoming a Torch Runner (run/walk/bike) can sign up to join the Final Leg, contact Kelly Dignin by email at kdignin@isp.in.gov or complete the final leg registration form at http://www.specialolympicsindiana.org/05finallegform.pdf.pdf

If you can not run, walk or bike you can still participate by selling raffle tickets and T-shirts. All the proceeds go to the Special Olympics and you can help raise enough funds to allow another dispatcher to run, walk or bike.

Vehicle File

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IDACS Committee Meeting Schedule

Tuesday June 5, 2007   10:00 a.m.

ISP Youth Museum,   21st St. Indianapolis, IN

Tuesday September 4, 2007   10:00 a.m.

Indiana State Police Dist. 52, 8620 E. 21st St.

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Tuesday December 4, 2007   10:00 a.m.

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